

FULL TEXT – CHARTER QUESTION #6

Amend RCH Section 13-116:

Section 13-116. City Elections --

1. In general: City elections shall be conducted in accordance with the election laws of the state insofar as applicable, but all city elective officers shall be elected by nonpartisan special elections. Except as otherwise provided in this charter, such special elections shall be held in conjunction with the primary and general elections of the applicable year[.]; a special election held in conjunction with the primary election shall be designated the first special election and a special election held in conjunction with the general election shall be designated the second special election. In the case of the council, such special elections shall be held in 2002 and every second year thereafter. In the case of the mayor and the prosecuting attorney, such special elections shall be held every fourth year following the 1992 election.

2. [First special election: In the case of the offices of mayor, prosecuting attorney or councilmember, any candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast for that office shall be deemed elected. However, if there is no more than one candidate for each of the offices of mayor, prosecuting attorney or councilmember, such persons shall be deemed elected regardless of the number of votes received.

3. Second special election: Unless a candidate for mayor, prosecuting attorney, or councilmember is elected in the first special election, the names of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for these offices in the first special election shall be placed on the ballot for the second special election. At the second special election the candidates receiving the highest number of votes for mayor, prosecuting attorney and councilmember, respectively, shall be deemed elected.]

Special elections:

- (a) If there is no more than one candidate for any city elective office, then the name of that candidate shall be placed on the ballot for the first special election. The candidate shall be deemed elected at the first special election regardless of the number of votes received.
- (b) If there are only two candidates for any city elective office, the names of the two candidates shall be placed on the ballot for the second special election. At the second special election, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes cast for that office shall be deemed elected.
- (c) If there are three or more candidates for any city elective office, the names of the candidates shall be placed on the ballot for the first special election. If any candidate receives a majority of votes cast in the first special election for that office, that candidate shall be deemed elected. However, if no candidate receives a majority of votes cast in the first special election for that office, then the names of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast for that office shall be placed on the ballot for the second special election. At the second special election, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes cast for that office shall be deemed elected.

Create new section in RCH Article XVI:

Section 16- . Effective Date of Revisions -

All provisions of the amendments to the charter of the City and County of Honolulu, approved on November 7, 2006, shall become effective as of the second day of January 2007, except as otherwise provided.